DES Pay-by-Plate visitor parking pilot project

Q: What is Pay-by-Plate parking?

A: A Pay-by-Plate parking system allows parkers to simply enter their license plate number into a machine at the time of payment rather than collecting a ticket and walking back to their car to display it on their dashboard. Parking enforcement officers use a handheld device to read the plate and determine if the vehicle is parked legally.

Q: Where will this technology be installed?

A: Beginning in June 2016, DES will begin a pilot project with Pay-by-Plate parking technology in the Dash visitor parking lot at Jefferson and Maple Park Ave. SE. on the east Capitol Campus.

Q. Will Pay-by-Plate parking be implemented in all the Capitol Campus visitor parking lots?

A: When the pilot is complete, DES will analyze the data collected to determine if using Pay-by-Plate parking technology would be a more efficient and cost effective way to manage visitor parking on the Capitol Campus.

Q: What kind of data are you collecting?

A: During the pilot, DES will measure

- Peak usage times
- Non-compliance
- Potential need for increased visitor parking capacity
- Potential to expand Pay-by-Plate parking to other areas of the Capitol Campus

Q: Can employees park in visitor lots?

A: The visitor parking lots are available to state government employees who do not work on the Capitol Campus. Employees who work off campus and have an agency parking permit can use visitor parking at no charge to the employee. Employees who work on the Capitol Campus may not use visitor parking between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. See WAC 200-200-188 for complete conditions and rules.

Q: How much does parking cost?

A: Visitor parking costs $1.50 per hour on weekdays from 8. a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking stations accept debit and credit cards, $1 bills or coins.